

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1631 - SB 1468

March 19, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes home-school students to use public school facilities at the expense of the home-school student. Removes requirements that home-school students take standardized tests. Removes requirement that home-school students who fail to provide timely annual notice to the local director of schools of a home-school plan shall pay late fees not exceeding \$80. Removes requirement that a home-school parent-teacher of a K-8 student shall possess a high school diploma or GED. Requires a home-school parent-teacher of a 9-12 student to possess a high school diploma or GED. Removes the requirement that local education agency staff do remedial coursework with home-school students who fall six to nine months behind in grade-level course work. Removes the authorization for a local director of schools to require a home school student who has fallen more than a year behind in appropriate grade level coursework to enroll in a public, private, or church-related school. Removes requirement that notice be given to a director of schools for 9-12 home-school students on whether a college prep course will be taught in the home. Removes requirement that home-school students provide proof of immunization and other required health services or exams to the local director of schools. Requires that state grants given to local education agencies (LEA) for record-keeping and accounting purposes shall not be a part of the Basic Education Program funding formula.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According the Department of Education, the late penalty for timely submission of the home-school student's annual plan is generally waived by the local director of schools. Any decrease in local revenue will be not significant.
- There are a small number of home-school students statewide (3,195 in school year 2009-2010). This is an average of 23 per LEA (3,195 students / 136 districts).
- Given the small number of home-school students, any decrease in LEA expenditures by removing the testing and remedial coursework requirements will be not significant.
- Less records for each home-school student will be kept by LEAs. Any decrease in local expenditures as a result of keeping fewer home-school records will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact style than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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